

Suspect in murder of Ansonia woman and disappearance of daughter in court Thursday

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There is still an Amber Alert in effect for missing one-year-old Ansonia girl, Vanessa Morales, who disappeared in early December. And Thursday, her father, the prime suspect in her disappearance, was in Milford Superior Court answering to murder charges, in the brutal beating death of her mother.

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The only other matter tended to in court today the combining of the murder case with the illegal weapons possession case that Morales is also the defendant in New Haven

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Supervisory Assistant State’s Attorney. “And I would ask the clerk to accept the pleas. I presume pro forma not guilty pleas.”

According to the arrest warrant affidavit, Morales admitted he was high on PCP during the weekend leading up to the discovery of Christine Holloway and the disappearance of the daughter that share: one-year-old Vanessa Morales.

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Jose Morales' stepfather and Christine Holloway's family declined to comment, when leaving the courthouse Thursday, except to say they still pray that Vanessa will be found.

